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The Honorable Isiah Leggett  
Montgomery County Executive  
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Re: Judicial Center Annex

Dear Mr. Leggett:

At the November 23, 2009 meeting of the Rockville Mayor and Council, a presentation was received from County staff members and the architect of the proposed Judicial Center Annex to be located at 50 Maryland Avenue. Following this presentation, there was a great deal of concern expressed with the County's facilities plan for Rockville's Town Center. The Mayor and Council are hopeful that we can initiate a dialogue with the County Executive and the County Council on this and future County development plans for our downtown area.

The presence of Montgomery County is an integral and important component of Rockville's Town Center. Given the visibility and strategic location of many of the County's buildings, the overall success of our vision is reliant upon the cooperation between our two governments. Rockville's Town Center Master Plan, adopted in October 2001, is an expression of our vision for the development of our Town Center. Drawn from the vision of the Town Center Action Team (TCAT), the primary goal of the Town Center is the creation of an "activity center that is easily identifiable, pedestrian-oriented, and incorporates a mix of uses and activities". This goal is consistent with the best practices utilized nationwide for both transit oriented and urban development, and furthermore, is consistent with the County's planning efforts in other areas of Montgomery County.

The Rockville City Council does not feel that the County's planning efforts for Rockville's Town Center as expressed in the "Government Core Facilities Optimization Master Plan Study" are consistent with the City's goals. There are certain elements of the siting of these proposed facilities that are of grave concern, including that the County's Master Plan would create an isolated enclave of government buildings limited in any after-hours or pedestrian activity. As planned, this section will be disconnected from the rest of Town Center and will cut off neighborhoods south of Maryland Avenue and Fleet Street from safe and accessible pedestrian access. This disconnect will be further exacerbated by the proposal of a pedestrian bridge across Jefferson

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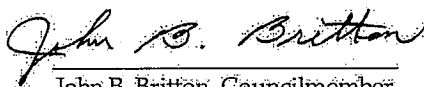
Street connecting the County Office Building with a future addition to the garage.

The Mayor and Council of Rockville propose a joint meeting with the County Executive and County Council to discuss the County's Master Plan Study. In a spirit of collaboration, we would like to express our specific areas of concerns as they relate to the viability and success of our Town Center. It is our hope that we can work together to find a solution that is mutually beneficial.

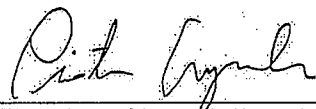
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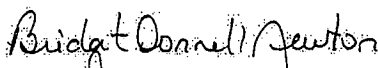
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